Milk production

1963. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts have been made so far by Government to enhance the country's milk production; and

(b) the results achieved so far to minimise dependence on European Economic communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The Government have adopted well defined strategy regarding genetic improvement of cattle and buffaloes, development of feed and fodder resources and organisation of effective animal health services for enhancing milk production. The important programmes/projects implemented so far, are; Key village scheme intensive cattle development project, establishment of Central and State Cattle breeding farms for production of superior bulls, operation flood programme, special livestock breeding programme, and extension of frozen semen technology for cattle and buffalo development etc.

(b) In view of the increased production of milk and milk products EEC has been requested to provide cash assistance in lieu of commodity assistance under Food Aid Programme for 1990.

Implementation of Antyodaya Programme

1964. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Antyodaya Programme is being implemented;

(b) whether the present programme is in any way different from the last one;

(c) the number of persons covered so far and likely to be covered in various States State-wise;

(d) what difficulties Government are facing in implementation of the programme; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to remove the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Antyodaya Programme as such is not being implemented by the Government of India in any State.

(b) to (e) Question does not arise.

Irregularities in Anola Fertilizer Project

1965. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints in the second half of June, 1990 regarding large scale irregularities and corruption in the Implementation of the IFFCO's Anola Project at Bareilly and its expansion plan and also about malpractices in the purchase of gunny bags if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any action was taken thereon, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the IFFCO, Italy, Denmark and even World Bank, which are funding the project, had also demanded probe into the malpractices prevalent therein, if so, when and what action was initiated thereon; and

(d) whether Government propose to audit the income and expenditure of the project and its expansion plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) to (c) Complaint of the Hon'ble Member in this regard was received in the first half of July, 1990. Complaints had also been received earlier from other sources including the then Chairman IFFCO. The complaints in res-